

Welcome to the Certified Livestock Producer Program

The Indiana State Department of Agriculture (ISDA) has developed the Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) to recognize producers who demonstrate publicly their commitment to the environment, animal well-being, food safety, biosecurity, emergency planning and being a good neighbor in their community. Indiana livestock and poultry producer's personal values of trust, integrity, respect, responsibility, accountability, environmental stewardship and animal husbandry run deep in agriculture. As new technology and management practices in agriculture change, those same values continue to provide consumer confidence in a safe and wholesome food supply.

The CLPP was developed with the help of many individuals, companies, associations, universities and state agencies. A great deal of thanks and appreciation goes to our 19-member advisory board. The board consists of a diverse group of experts who gave time, effort and support to develop this program.

The program is open to all producers of livestock species with any size operation. The goals of the program are to recognize producers who are willing to demonstrate their commitment to the five components of the program and to showcase their responsible production practices, ethics and values. ISDA will not certify producers who fail to meet the standards and values of this program.

The program consists of five major components:

- Environment
- Food Safety/Animal Well-Being
- Emergency Plan
- Biosecurity
- Good Neighbor

The following are the three steps to apply and be accepted into the program:

1. Please mail or fax the attached application form to:

Indiana State Department of Agriculture
Certified Livestock Producer Program
101 W Ohio Street, Suite 1200
Indianapolis, IN 46204
Fax: 317-232-1362

Upon receipt of the confidential application form, ISDA will verify that the farm is in good standing with the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the Board of Animal Health (BOAH) per the requirements for acceptance into the program.

2. The producer will then be invited to attend a one-day regional training session to receive the CLPP manual and instructions and aid in completing the program requirements. The manual includes: producer promise, educational materials, sample action plans, self assessments and verification of completion. Below are the requirements for each section:

Environment Section

Meet IDEM Compliance

Self-assessment (minimum score of 80-100 points, depending on type of operation)

Verified by an ISDA representative

Food Safety/Animal Well-Being Section

Certificate of completion from a national or state program

Emergency Plan Section

Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points)

Verified by Fire Department (check list completed and signed)

Biosecurity Section

Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points)

Verified by Veterinarian (assessment completed and signed)

Good Neighbor Section

Self-assessment (minimum score of 100 points)

Verified by ISDA Representative

3. After the producer completes the manual, contact ISDA to set an appointment for an on-farm review of the completed requirements. The ISDA contact person is:

Certified Livestock Producer Program Manager
Indiana State Department of Agriculture
(317) 232-8770

The on-farm verification will be completed by an ISDA representative. The on-farm verification form enclosed in the CLPP manual will be used to verify the farm meets the standards of the CLPP program. Verification will observe biosecurity protocols and will not include entry into livestock buildings.

Effective July 1, 2008, all information provided on the application and verification form is confidential (see IC § 15-11-2-7). The verification form will be attached to the initial application and housed at the ISDA office as confidential. All of the other materials, assessments and plans will stay on the farm.

Thank you for your interest in the Certified Livestock Producer Program. We look forward to recognizing your accomplishments.



Certified Livestock Producer Program Application Form

Date of application

Owner or Entity to be certified

To be consistent with other state forms, please use the same name as on BOAH premise ID.

Mailing Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Fax

E-mail

County

BOAH premise ID number

If you do not have an ID number please contact BOAH at 877-747-3038 for assistance.

IDEM permit number for each location

Designee of owner (optional)

The entity / owner may designate a representative (farm manager) to complete the program materials, plans and assessments.

Certification will include the following additional locations owned or operated by the above name:

Physical Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

County

BOAH premise ID number

IDEM permit number

Designee of owner

Physical Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

County

BOAH premise ID number

IDEM permit number

Designee of owner

Use additional page for more location sites.

Questions:

Is manure from this operation marketed or applied by a third party?	Yes	No
Has this farm been in business for two years or more?	Yes	No
Have you received a Notice of Violation from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management Office of Enforcement within the past four years?*	Yes	No
Have you received an environmental violation from any other state?*	Yes	No

*Please refer to the CLPP guidelines for acceptance and dismissal (page 6).

I (we) affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing representations are true.

Signature of applicant: _____

Printed name: _____

Please check the type of farm:

- ☐ Beef (include dairy/beef and grazing cattle)
- ☐ Beef in confinement
- ☐ Veal
- ☐ Dairy
- ☐ Broilers
- ☐ Layers / Pullets
- ☐ Ducks
- ☐ Turkeys
- ☐ Pork
- ☐ other *please describe* _____

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Optional Demographic information

Indiana State Department of Agriculture would like to have additional information about the producers that participate in the Certified Livestock Producer Program to aid in overall demographics of the program.

Age of owner: _____

Species: _____

Please describe the type of operation (breeding, finishing, milking, layer, organic, etc): _____

Number of head (marketed/year, cows milked, beef cows, layers in production etc): _____

Year the farm began livestock production _____

Business entity

Proprietor	Partnership	Contract Grower
Family Corporation	Corporation	
LLC	Other describe	

Any additional comments or information you would like to share: _____

Directions to farm:

Please give directions to the farm from the nearest town or major intersection. This will be used for the on-site farm visit by the ISDA representative.

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Guidelines for Entry Into and Removal From the Certified Livestock Producer Program

The purpose of the Certified Livestock Producer Program (CLPP) is to recognize livestock producers that demonstrate, among other things, a commitment to environmental compliance and animal well-being. To maintain and enhance the credibility of the CLPP, these guidelines set forth the basis upon which a producer (1) may be eligible to enter; and (2) may be removed from the CLPP.

For entry into the CLPP, a prospective applicant shall be reviewed based on the following criteria involving the following undisputed administrative, civil, or criminal violations over the previous four-year period immediately prior to the application date:

1. A prospective applicant shall not have been convicted of any offense against animals, as defined by Ind. Code § 35-46-3 et seq.;
2. A prospective applicant shall not have been convicted of any offense related to water pollution control laws under Ind. Code § 13-30-10-3;
3. A prospective applicant shall not be subject to the terms of an adverse, final and unappealable civil judgment related to an unpermitted discharge that harms waters of the State of Indiana;
4. A prospective applicant shall not be subject to a final and effective unilateral administrative order from IDEM (issued pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-4), or another equivalent state or federal agency, that is not timely appealed by the prospective applicant and such order finds a violation related to an unpermitted discharge that harms waters of the State of Indiana; and
5. Concerning a prospective applicant that has received an informal administrative Notice of Violation (NOV) from IDEM (pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-3) or another equivalent state or federal agency, that alleged non-compliance related to an unpermitted discharge that harmed waters of the State, and the prospective applicant resolved the NOV through the adoption of an Agreed Order, then the prospective applicant will not be admitted to the CLPP, unless the final Agreed Order contains non-admission language, pursuant to Ind. Code § 13-30-3-3.
6. A dairy producer must have a valid dairy farm permit from the Indiana State Board of Animal Health. Failure to provide permit results in a waiting period of thirty days to re-apply.
7. Failure to complete continuing education results in a waiting period of thirty days to re-apply.

If an applicant has never held an interest in a livestock facility, the applicant must be in operation for two years without any qualifying violations (as listed above) before becoming eligible to be certified. However, they may proceed with meeting certification requirements during this period.

Probationary Period: A current member of the CLPP either shall be placed on probation or dismissed from the CLPP based upon the occurrence of one or more qualifying violations. If a producer has been dismissed from the program or an application has been rejected because of a violation, there is a two-year probationary period before applying for recertification. During that time, the producer may not receive an additional qualifying violation; at ISDA's discretion, based on the nature of the violation, additional requirements may be asked of the producer prior to permitting reapplication.

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Certified Livestock Producer Promise

I, _____, promise to meet or exceed the high standards
(name)
of the Certified Livestock Producer Program.

INTEGRITY

Integrity is at the heart of everything we do. Trust and honesty is the foundation of our relationships with our employees, neighbors, community and all others.

RESPECT

We respect and listen to the concerns and opinions of others. We raise our animals in a socially responsible way and provide the utmost protection to the land and water.

PERFORMANCE EXCELLENCE

We hold ourselves to a high standard of performance. We pride ourselves in developing innovative ideas and applying these ideas to our operations. We never stop asking ourselves how we can improve.

ACCOUNTABILITY

We take responsibility for our actions as individuals, farms and the livestock industry. We work together and support the high standards of the Certified Livestock Producer Program. However, if a member does not follow this code, membership in the Certified Livestock Producer Program may be terminated.

I promise:

- To be a good steward of the environment and to comply with all federal, state and local regulations
- To respond quickly and safely to emergencies
- To apply best management practices on my farm for the well-being of the animals
- To follow biosecurity protocols that provide for the safety of my product and the security of my operation
- To act in good faith in my relationships with all business entities
- To respect my neighbors and work with honesty, integrity and responsibility toward their concerns about my operation
- To protect and care for the safety of my family and employees
- To be accountable to my peers in the livestock industry with high integrity, values and a caring attitude
- To be a representative of the agriculture industry to the public and an example in my community

Signature

Date

Print Name